VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

John V. Gillespie, Sheriff

1987 ANNUAL REPORT

Dedication

. . . . DEDICATED TO THOSE WE SERVE . . . .

This Annual Report is dedicated to the citizens of the contract Cities of Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Ojai, Moorpark and Fillmore, and to all the other citizens of Ventura County that we serve.

The relationship that exists between the Sheriff's Department and these citizens has been very positive by providing full-service law enforcement responsive to the local needs of the community. In a time calling for efficiency in government, police service contracts have distinguished themselves as solid investments in the future.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John K. Flynn
Chair/District 5

Madge Schaefer
District 2

Maggie Erickson
District 3

Susan K. Lacey
District 1

James R. Dougherty
District 4

Richard Wittenberg
Chief Administrative Officer

CITY OF CAMARILLO

Thomas Martin
Mayor

Michael Morgan
Council Member

Charlotte Craven
Council Member

Sandi Bush
Vice-Mayor

F.B. Esty
Council Member

Thomas Oglesby
City Manager

CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS

Lee Laxdal
Mayor

Frank Schillo
Council Member

Alex Fiore
Council Member

Tony Lamb
Mayor Pro-Tem

Lawrence Horner
Council Member

Grant Brimhall
City Manager

CITY OF OJAI

Frank McDevitt
Mayor

James Loebl
Council Member

Joseph DeVito
Council Member

Steven Olsen
Mayor Pro-Tem

Nina Shelley
Council Member

Geoff Grote
City Manager

CITY OF MOORPARK

John Galloway
Mayor

John Patrick Lane
Council Member

Steven Kueny
City Manager

Eloise Brown
Mayor Pro-Tem

Clint Harper
Council Member

Vacant
Council Member

CITY OF FILLMORE

Gary Creagle
Mayor

John Murphy
Council Member

Pat Quinn
Council Member

Delores Day
Mayor Pro-Tem

Roger Campbell
Council Member

James Rupp
City Manager

Administration

February 1988

Continuing with my commitment to give the citizens of Ventura County the excellent level of law enforcement that this organization has always provided, the Sheriff's Department has gone through recent dramatic organizational changes. These changes will insure efficiency in our continuing effort to provide the most cost effective delivery of police services.

In response to the growth in population and increased demands for service in the Camarillo area the Central County Division was created. This new division provides law enforcement services to the Oxnard Plain and south coast areas as well as continuing full-service law enforcement to the City of Camarillo.

After a thorough feasibility study and extensive community discussion, the City of Fillmore became the fifth municipality to contract with the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services. The new Santa Clara Valley Area Station is located in the City of Fillmore and will provide services not only to the City but also to the community of Piru and the remaining unincorporated area of the Santa Clara Valley.

Recent legislation and an ever increasing inmate population within our jail facilities has resulted in our participation in planning of a new 600 bed jail facility.

Construction of the new long awaited East Valley Station began in January of 1987. This new station will serve the Cities of Thousand Oaks and Moorpark. Occupancy is scheduled for December of 1988.

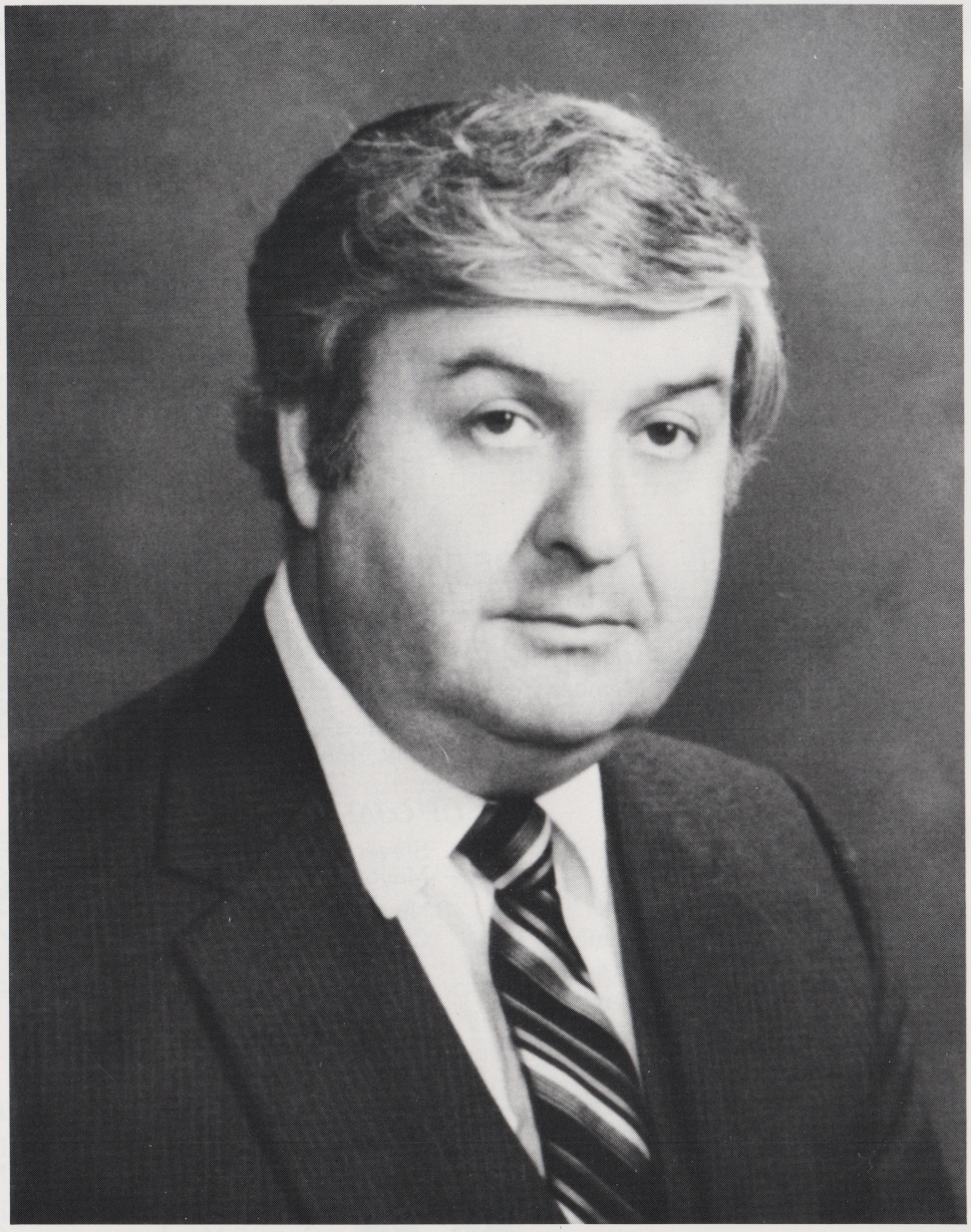
The Sheriff's Technical Services Bureau has continued to expand its services in keeping pace with the growth of the County. The newest resource of the Technical Services Bureau is the CAL-ID System, a state-wide computerized fingerprint identification system to assist in the identification of criminal offenders.

The Office of Emergency Services has been very active throughout the community in the area of disaster preparedness and has done extensive work with groups throughout the County. Volunteer services continue to be a major resource of the Department. Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), our most recent volunteer group was recently incorporated into the County's disaster preparedness plan. The efforts of all our volunteers are sincerely appreciated.

The volunteers that unselfishly give their time to the community and the high caliber of the men and women of this Department continue to make the Ventura County Sheriff's Department a highly respected law enforcement organization.

Only through the endeavors of the personnel of this Department and the harmonious relationships that I have enjoyed as Sheriff with the Board of Supervisors, the Chief Administrative Officer, the City Councils and the City Managers of the contract cities have I been able to provide the citizens with responsive and high quality police service.

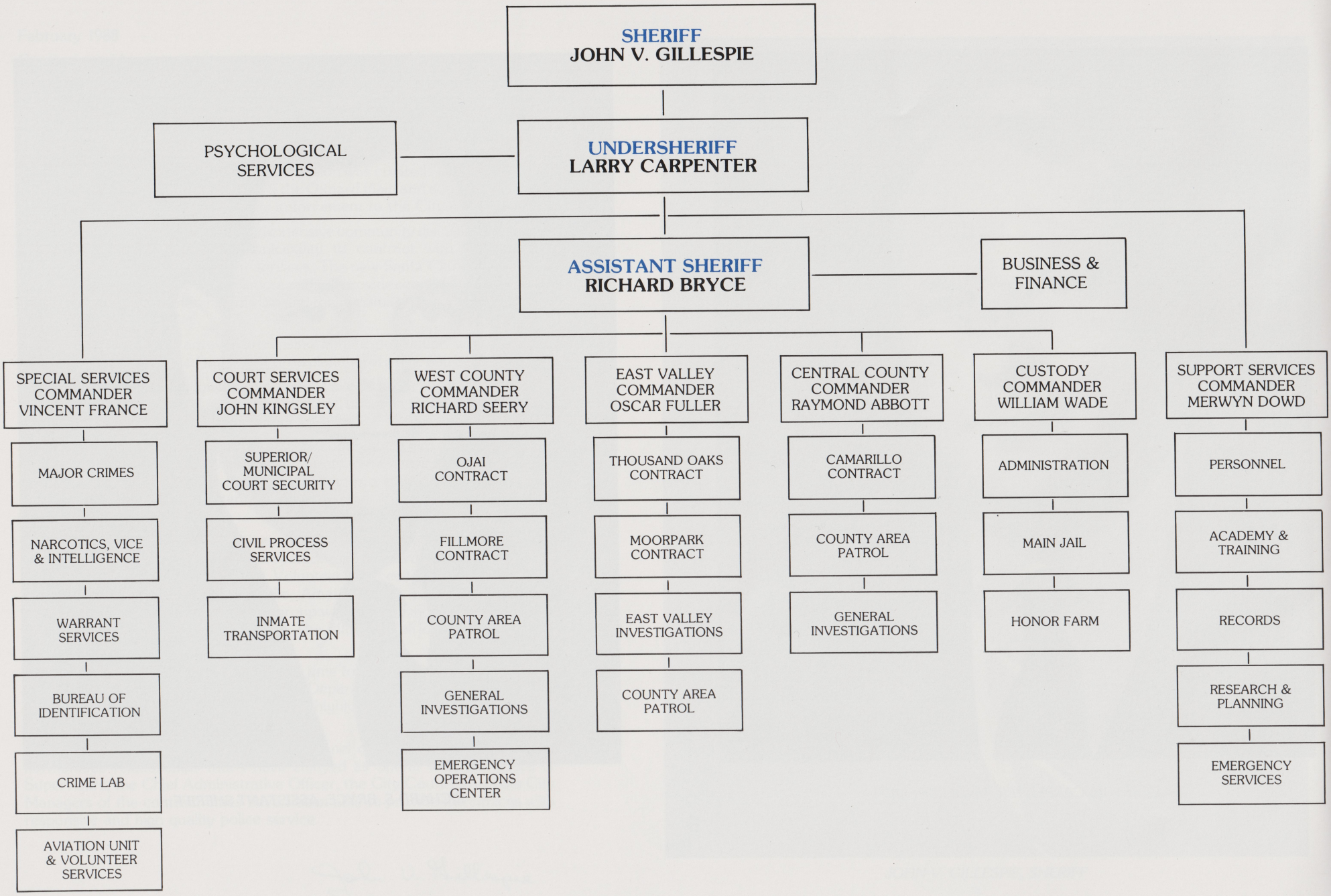
John V. Gillespie



JOHN V. GILLESPIE, SHERIFF

LARRY W. CARPENTER, UNDERSHERIFF

RICHARD S. BRYCE, ASSISTANT SHERIFF


SHERIFF
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PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES
UNDERSHERIFF
LARRY CARPENTER
ASSISTANT SHERIFF
RICHARD BRYCE
BUSINESS & FINANCE
SPECIAL SERVICES COMMANDER VINCENT FRANCE
MAJOR CRIMES
NARCOTICS, VICE & INTELLIGENCE
WARRANT SERVICES
BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION
CRIME LAB
AVIATION UNIT & VOLUNTEER SERVICES
COURT SERVICES COMMANDER JOHN KINGSLEY
SUPERIOR/ MUNICIPAL COURT SECURITY
CIVIL PROCESS SERVICES
INMATE TRANSPORTATION
WEST COUNTY COMMANDER RICHARD SEERY
OJAI CONTRACT
FILLMORE CONTRACT
COUNTY AREA PATROL
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
EAST VALLEY COMMANDER OSCAR FULLER
THOUSAND OAKS CONTRACT
MOORPARK CONTRACT
EAST VALLEY INVESTIGATIONS
COUNTY AREA PATROL
CENTRAL COUNTY COMMANDER RAYMOND ABBOTT
CAMARILLO CONTRACT
COUNTY AREA PATROL
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS
CUSTODY COMMANDER WILLIAM WADE
ADMINISTRATION
MAIN JAIL
HONOR FARM
SUPPORT SERVICES COMMANDER MERWYN DOWD
PERSONNEL
ACADEMY & TRAINING
RECORDS
RESEARCH & PLANNING
EMERGENCY SERVICES

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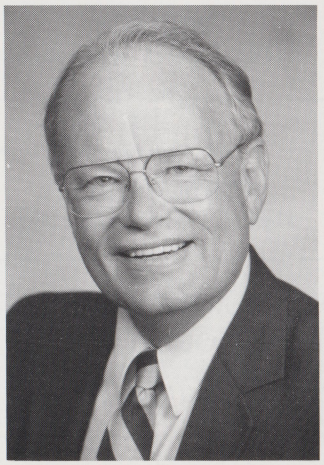
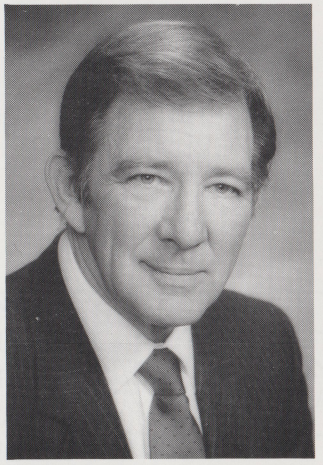
Board of Supervisors

SUSAN K. LACEY
DISTRICT 1

MADGE SCHAEFER
DISTRICT 2



JOHN K. FLYNN
DISTRICT 5
CHAIR



JAMES R. DOUGHERTY
DISTRICT 4

MAGGIE ERICKSON
DISTRICT 3

RICHARD WITTENBERG
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Through the combined efforts and continued working relationship that exist between the Ventura County Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff's Department, the citizens of Ventura County have been provided with the best service possible. The Sheriff's Department wishes to thank the Board of Supervisors for helping us maintain a professional law enforcement organization in providing this service to the community.

Sheriff's Association

VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION

The Ventura County Sheriff's Association has grown and developed into a very effective employee representation group. Earlier this year the Association celebrated their 25th Anniversary.

Since joining this Department I have had the opportunity to meet regularly with this employee organization and have found that the motivation of its leadership is in working for the betterment of the employees and the Sheriff's Department.

Congratulations on your recent anniversary. I look forward to our continued working relationship in ensuring that the Ventura County Sheriff's Department remains an organization of outstanding quality.

Very sincerely,

John V. Gillespie

JOHN V. GILLESPIE, SHERIFF

Special Teams

The Sheriff's Special Teams exemplify the outstanding dedication of the Department's personnel. Their pride is clearly evident by their willingness to volunteer for special teams maintained by the Department. All special team members perform these duties in addition to their regular assignment.

SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM

This is a highly specialized tactical unit that works in a very disciplined environment. Their training is extensive and their knowledge of tactics and weaponry is exceptional. Often utilized in high risk, officer safety situations, this team is available to respond anywhere in the County upon request.

SHERIFF'S MOUNTED PATROL UNIT

This group of dedicated deputies have been an invaluable resource to the Department. All must provide their own horses, suitable for police work, and train regularly in tactics and crowd control. They are routinely called upon to assist at parades, the County Fair and local beaches.

SHERIFF'S BOMB DISPOSAL UNIT

Because of the nature and potential danger of this assignment, all members receive extensive training at the federal government's Redstone Arsenal in Alabama. As the only non-military bomb team in the County, it is routinely called upon to investigate and dispose of explosives, suspicious packages and potentially harmful war souvenirs.

HELICOPTER CREW CHIEFS

This group of deputies make up an integral part of the Sheriff's Aviation Unit. A pilot-crew chief team is mandatory before a helicopter can go airborne. Besides their normal work assignment they must comply with a duty schedule that requires them to be available for flights.

HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

The Hostage Negotiations Team is made up of selected deputies and the Department psychologist. They have received extensive training regarding stress situations such as barricaded subjects and hostage situations.

SHERIFF'S HONOR GUARD

The Sheriff's Honor Guard represents the Department at various formal dress ceremonies. As such, these team members must maintain outstanding uniform appearance and military bearing. Pride in the Department is evidenced by their membership on this special team.

SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM

SHERIFF'S MOUNTED PATROL UNIT

HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

SHERIFF'S BOMB DISPOSAL UNIT

HELICOPTER CREW CHIEFS

SHERIFF'S HONOR GUARD

ALLOCATIONS
1987-88

SWORN

Number	Classification
1	Sheriff
1	Undersheriff
2	Assistant Sheriff
7	Commander
29	Lieutenant
69	Sergeant
122	Senior Deputy
319	Deputy
2	Sheriff's Pilot
552	TOTAL

NON-SWORN PERSONNEL

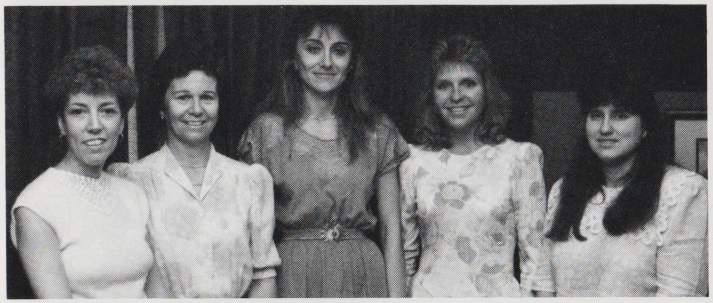
Number	Classification
2	Accounting Technician
2	Administrative Assistant I
2	Administrative Officer I
2	Administrative Aide
2	Aircraft Mechanic
2	Assistant Food Service Manager
1	Chief Helicopter Mechanic
1	Civil Process Clerk
1	Crime Analyst (Admin. Asst. II)
6	Criminalist III
1	Criminalist I
10	Deputy Sheriff Trainee (Non-Sworn)
1	Executive Secretary
26	Inmate Records Technician (Sr. Clerk)
23	Intermediate Typist Clerk
23	Jail Cook
1	Manager — Crime Lab
1	Manager — Fiscal/Admin. Services I
1	Manager — Sheriff's Food Services
1	Photo Lab Supervisor
2	Photo Lab Technician
30	Radio Dispatcher
4	Secretary
3	Senior Account Clerk
7	Senior Civil Process Clerk
14	Senior Clerk
3	Senior Criminalist
5	Senior Inmate Records Technician (Supvg Clk I)
1	Senior Psychologist
2	Senior Radio Dispatcher
8	Senior Secretary
6	Senior Typist Clerk
16	Sheriff's Cadet
1	Sheriff's Pilot
100	Sheriff's Service Technician
1	Statistical Clerk
2	Stock Clerk I
3	Supervising Clerk I
3	Supervising Clerk II
320	TOTAL

	SWORN	NON-SWORN
Office of the Sheriff	4	2
Support Services Division	17	41
Central County Division	50	6
West County Division	91	26
East Valley Division	146	37
Special Services Division	50	32
Custody Division	117	162
Court Services Division	77	14
Department Total	552	320

Budget

BUSINESS OFFICE

The Business Office is directed by Robert L. Riggs, Manager - Fiscal Services, and five support personnel. The Business Office is the processing point for all Departmental fiscal transactions and is critical to the orderly financial operation of the organization.



BUSINESS OFFICE SERVICES

- Processing all purchase requisitions, accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, revenues, inmate accounts.
- Development and administration of the Sheriff's Department operating budget ($48 million/ 872 employees) and Capitol Projects budget.
- Development and administration of fiscal information management reports for command staff.

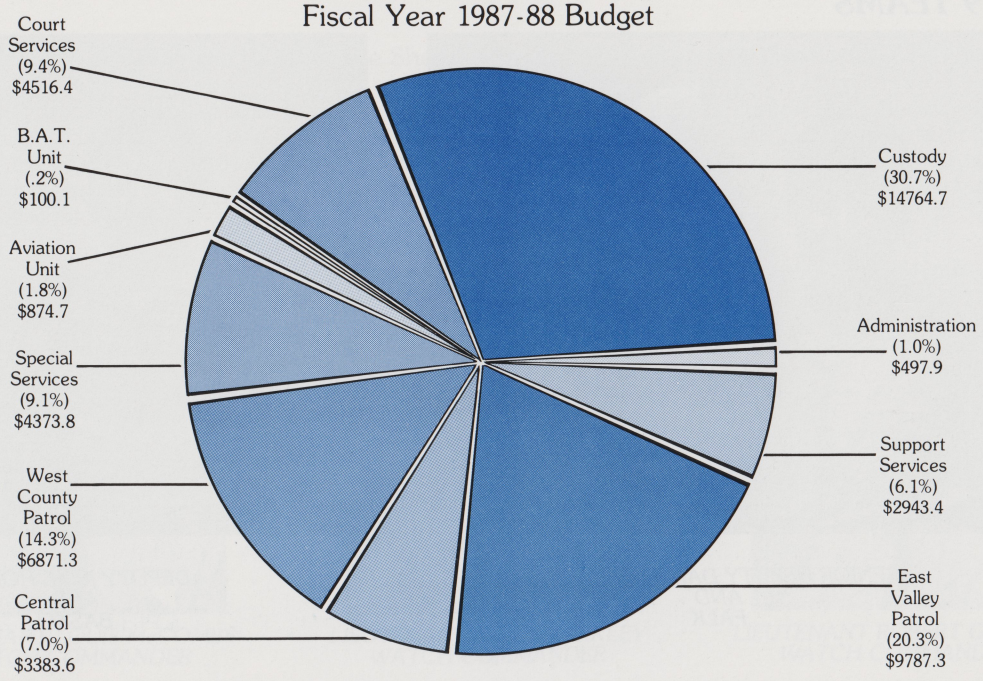
ROBERT L. RIGGS
BUSINESS MANAGER

BUDGET

(Fiscal Year 1987-88 Final Budget Appropriations)

• POLICE SERVICES	
— Sheriff's Administration	$ 497,900
— Support Services Division	2,943,400
— East Valley Division	9,787,300
— West County Division	6,871,300
— Central County Division	3,383,600
— Special Services Division	5,348,600
Subtotal	$28,832,100
• COURT SERVICES	4,516,400
• CUSTODY DIVISION	14,764,700
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	$48,113,200

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Fiscal Year 1987-88 Budget



K-9 Program

K-9 PROGRAM

The K-9 Program was established in May 1986. Under the direction of Lieutenant Joel Oksner, the program provides specialized law enforcement patrol duties for building searches, security at special events, tracking of suspects, lost or missing persons, crowd and riot control, and officer safety in all situations where officer safety can be improved through the use of the canine.

The Sheriff's K-9 Program is funded entirely by donations from community service groups and private citizens. Currently there are three K-9 teams in operation with plans for expansion to five teams. All the members of the Department are grateful for the outstanding community support which has made this program possible.

Also, there is a group of Sheriff's Department employees that derserve a very special thanks for their fund-raising efforts — the West County Dispatchers. During their off-duty time, the Dispatchers organized and participated in various fund-raising activities including garage sales, a car wash, cake sales and a "9-K For K-9" walk-a-thon. Their efforts raised thousands of dollars for the Sheriff's K-9 Program.

K-9 TEAMS

SENIOR DEPUTY DAN THOMPSON
AND
FALK

DEPUTY MIKE HORNE
AND
BASKO

SENIOR DEPUTY CHUCK BUTTELL
AND
DAGO

West County Division

WEST COUNTY DIVISION

COMMANDER RICHARD SEERY

West County Division is under the direction of Commander Richard Seery. The geographical area served by West County is the most diverse in the County. Along the County's coastline from Oxnard to the Santa Barbara County line, to the rich agricultural land of the Santa Clara Valley to the mountains of the Los Padres National Forest, it encompasses an area of approximately 1,200 square miles and serves a population of approximately 65,000.

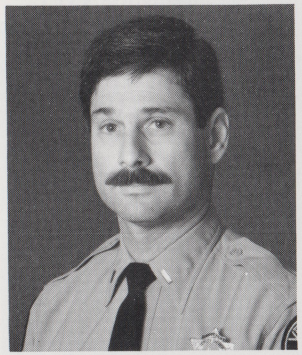
West County is a decentralized division that emphasizes the Department's Community Oriented Police Enforcement Program. The 117 personnel assigned to the West County Division work out of four stations including the Ojai Valley Station also serving the City of Ojai, the Ventura Station, the Lockwood Valley Station and the Santa Clara Valley Area Station. During 1986 personnel responded to 29,171 calls for service and made 3,041 arrests.

The Santa Clara Valley Area Station was recently merged with the Fillmore Police Department through a police services contract. Station personnel serve the City of Fillmore, the unincorporated area surrounding the City of Santa Paula and the remainder of the Santa Clara Valley from the City of Ventura eastward to Los Angeles County.

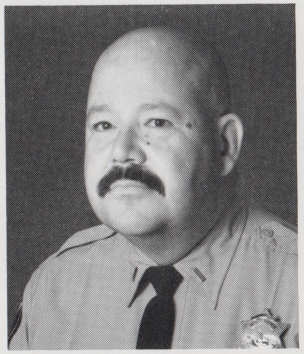
The Ventura Station is located in the Sheriff's Department complex at the Ventura County Government Center. It serves the unincorporated areas from Oxnard westward to the Santa Barbara County line and includes the communities of Saticoy, Montalvo, El Rio, Silverstrand and Hollywood Beaches.

The Lockwood Valley Station is the most remote Sheriff's station and is located in the northeast corner of Ventura County. Staffed by two resident deputies and supported by Sheriff's Reserves, station personnel are responsible for approximately 867 square miles of unincorporated area. Although normally serving a small resident population, special events and recreational activities may cause the population to swell to over 40,000 people.

West County Division is also responsible for the Sheriff's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This unit operates the Department's County-wide radio communications network. The EOC also administers the Department's "911" emergency services system. In 1986, the EOC dispatched over 83,000 calls for service and handled over 76,000 "911" emergency calls. Other emergency functions include the dispatching of ambulances for the entire county. In 1986 EOC personnel made 20,313 ambulance dispatches. The Sheriff's EOC is also the primary communications point for coordinating disaster services with the State in the event of a County-wide emergency.

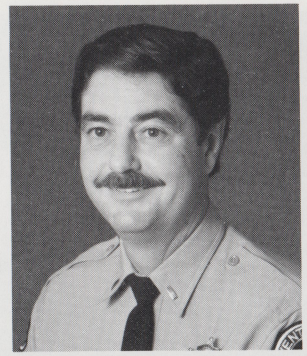


LIEUTENANT JOEL OKSNER
ADMINISTRATIVE LIEUTENANT

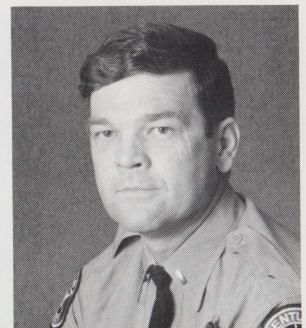


LIEUTENANT MICHAEL GULLON
WATCH COMMANDER

LIEUTENANT LOUIS McCOMBS
WATCH COMMANDER

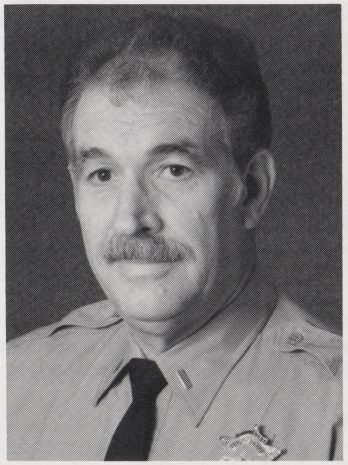


LIEUTENANT GARY MARKLEY
WATCH COMMANDER



LIEUTENANT ROBERT GOCKEL
WATCH COMMANDER

CITY OF OJAI



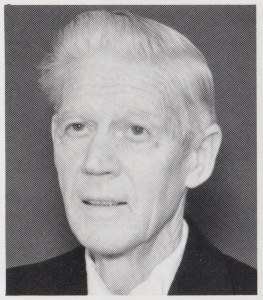
LIEUTENANT JOHN BROCKUS

The City of Ojai contracted with the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services in 1980. Since that time the Sheriff and City have continued to maintain a strong working relationship in providing the citizens of Ojai the most cost effective delivery of service possible.

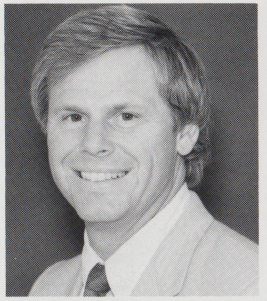
The Ojai Valley Station is under the direction of Lieutenant John Brockus and is staffed by 28 personnel. Station personnel are responsible for patrolling over 196 square miles including the City. Full service law enforcement is provided to Ojai's 8,000 citizens by the 13 contract personnel.

The Ojai Valley Security Patrol continues to impact the City of Ojai. This group of senior citizens have provided thousands of hours of community service to the City of Ojai and its law enforcement programs. Their involvement in the community has included patrol work, home security presentations, bicycle registration, a Neighborhood Watch Program and most recently, assistance at the Sheriff's Photo Lab and Honor Farm where they tutor inmates in basic reading.

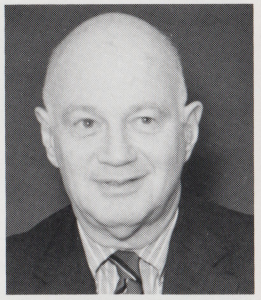
GEOFF GROTE CITY MANAGER



FRANK McDEVITT MAYOR

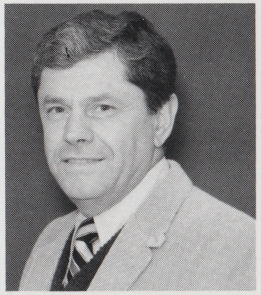


STEVEN OLSEN MAYOR PRO-TEM



JAMES LOEBL COUNCIL MEMBER

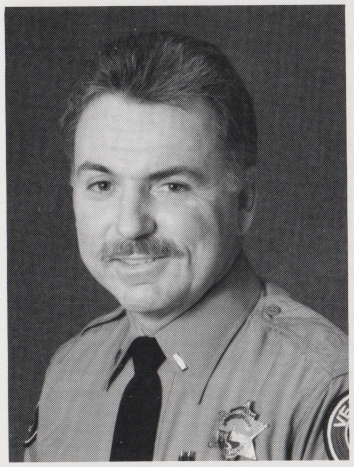
NINA SHELLEY COUNCIL MEMBER



JOSEPH DeVITO COUNCIL MEMBER

City of Fillmore

CITY OF FILLMORE

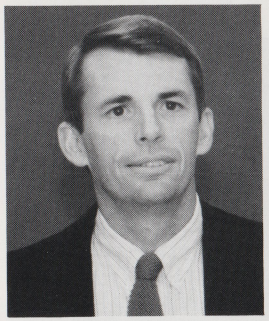


LIEUTENANT
RICHARD DIAZ

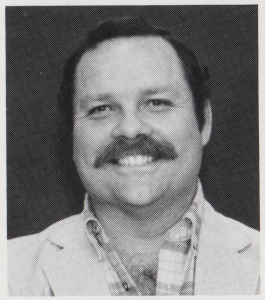
In 1987 the City of Fillmore became the fifth municipality of Ventura County to contract with the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services. The area station receives its name from the beautiful valley in which it is located. The new station combines the Fillmore Police Department and the previously established Sheriff's area station. The Santa Clara Valley Area Station is under the direction of Lieutenant Richard A. Diaz and is located at 524 Sespe Avenue in Fillmore which is the hub of the Santa Clara Valley.

Station personnel are responsible for approximately 450 square miles of area which includes the City of Fillmore and the community of Piru. The Fillmore Mountain Search and Rescue Team is headquartered at the Station to respond to emergencies in the Valley and surrounding wilderness areas. This Station is also home to one of the Department's K-9 Teams. The 13 Sheriff's personnel under contract to the City of Fillmore provide its 11,000 residents with a full range of law enforcement services.

The police services contract has enhanced many existing City programs. These include an active Neighborhood Watch Program, a Senior Volunteer Program, Sheriff's Explorer Program, and a Bicycle Safety Program which annually educates the school district's 2,500 elementary and junior high school age children.

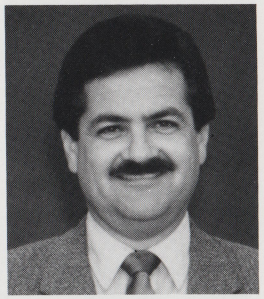


JAMES RUPP
CITY MANAGER

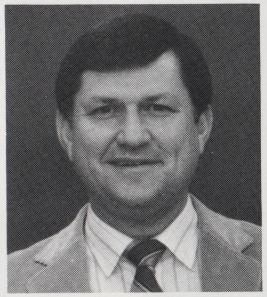


GARY CREAGLE
MAYOR

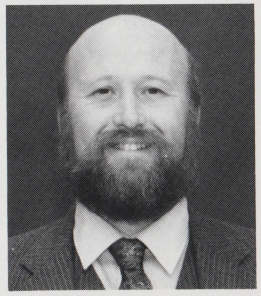
DELORES DAY
MAYOR PRO-TEM



JOHN MURPHY
COUNCIL MEMBER



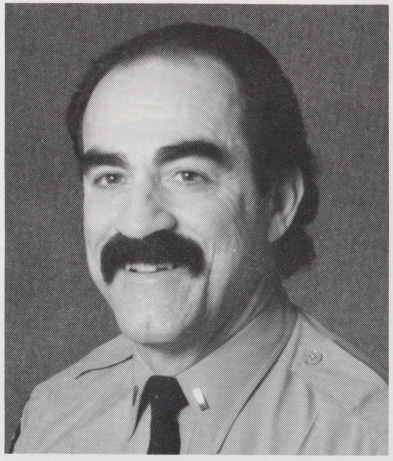
PAT QUINN
COUNCIL MEMBER



ROGER CAMPBELL
COUNCIL MEMBER

Central County Division

COMMANDER RAYMOND ABBOTT



LIEUTENANT MICHAEL PITTS
ADMINISTRATIVE LIEUTENANT

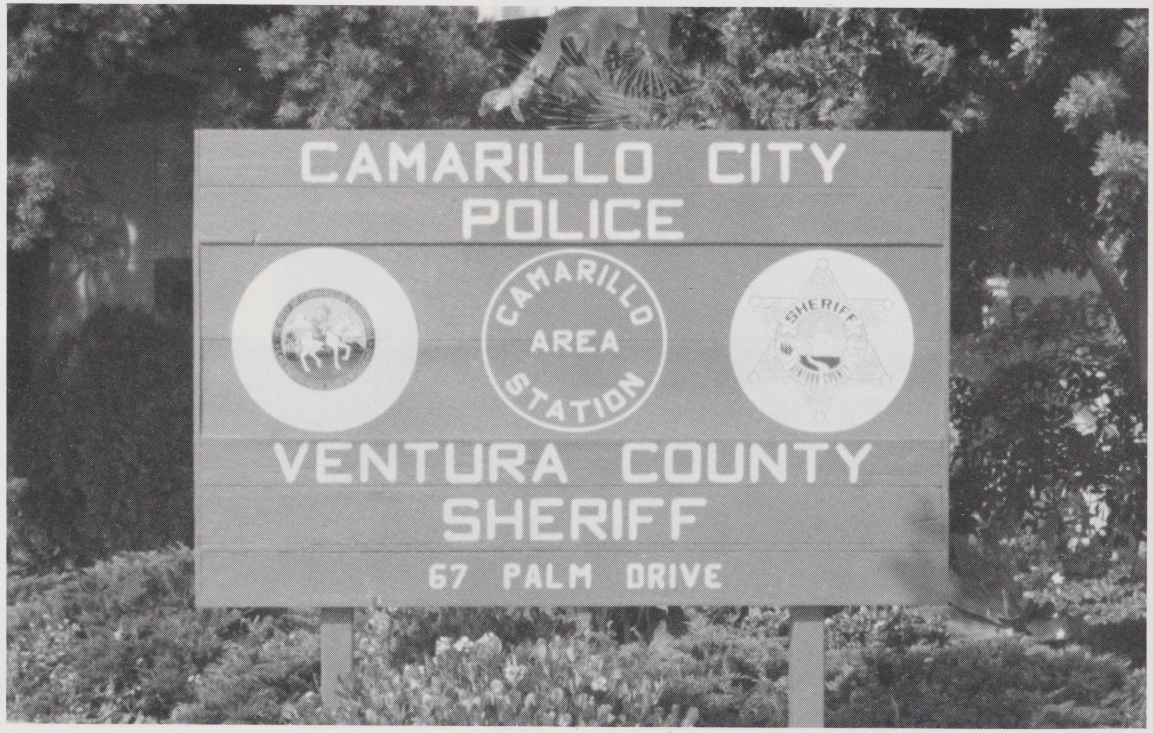
CENTRAL COUNTY DIVISION

In July of 1985, the Central County Division was created in response to the rapid growth experienced in the contract City of Camarillo as well as in the surrounding unincorporated county areas. The division, under the direction of Commander Raymond "Ray" Abbott, encompasses over 166 square miles and serves a population of over 68,000 people.

Extending from the beaches and mountains along the southern coast through the rural farming area of the Oxnard Plain and the rolling hills of Camarillo and Somis, to the steep ascent of the Conejo Grade. Within this area, there are several specialized facilities that have substantial impact on law enforcement services. These facilities include the Point Mugu Naval Test Station, Point Mugu State Park, Camarillo State Hospital, California Youth Authority—Ventura School and the Ventura County Airport—Camarillo. All contribute to making the Central County Division an interesting place to work with a variety of police tasks.

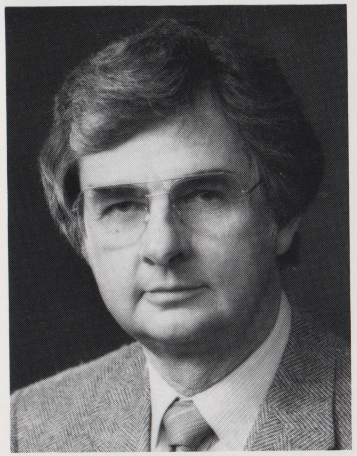
The 55 personnel assigned to the Central County Division work out of the station located at 67 Palm Drive in the City of Camarillo. In 1986, this division responded to 18,116 calls for service and made 2,289 arrests. Central was the first patrol division to have a K-9 Team. It also administers the Sheriff's Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team, the Sheriff's Reserve Unit for the northern half of the county, and coordinates the off-road motorcycle enforcement program for both West County and Central County Divisions.

The Sheriff, in a joint effort with the City of Camarillo, is also actively working towards the acquisition of land for the construction of a new police facility in the near future.



City of Camarillo

CITY OF CAMARILLO

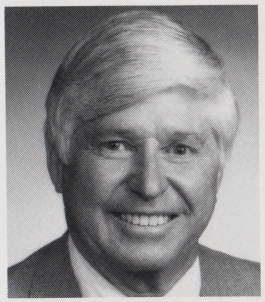


THOMAS OGLESBY
CITY MANAGER

Law enforcement services for the City of Camarillo have been provided on a contractual basis by the Sheriff's Department since 1965. Commander Abbott serves as the primary liaison for the Sheriff and directs the 42 police personnel under contract providing a full range of law enforcement services to the community.

The station is located at 67 Palm Drive, Camarillo. The City covers over 18 square miles with over 112 miles of roadway and 8 miles of State highway. It numbers approximately 47,000 residents. In 1986, City deputies responded to over 14,000 calls for service and made 1,788 arrests.

In September of 1987, the City expanded its traffic enforcement service to include motorcycles. A traffic sergeant and two deputies have been assigned to this detail. The City also recently participated in a special Department of Education grant program to teach children to "say no to drugs."



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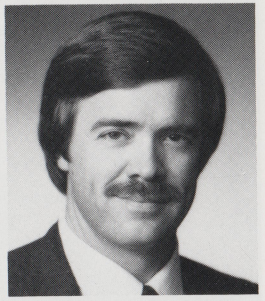
MAYOR

SANDI BUSH
VICE-MAYOR



MICHAEL MORGAN
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CHARLOTTE CRAVEN
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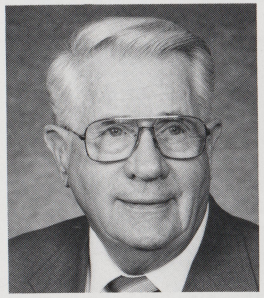

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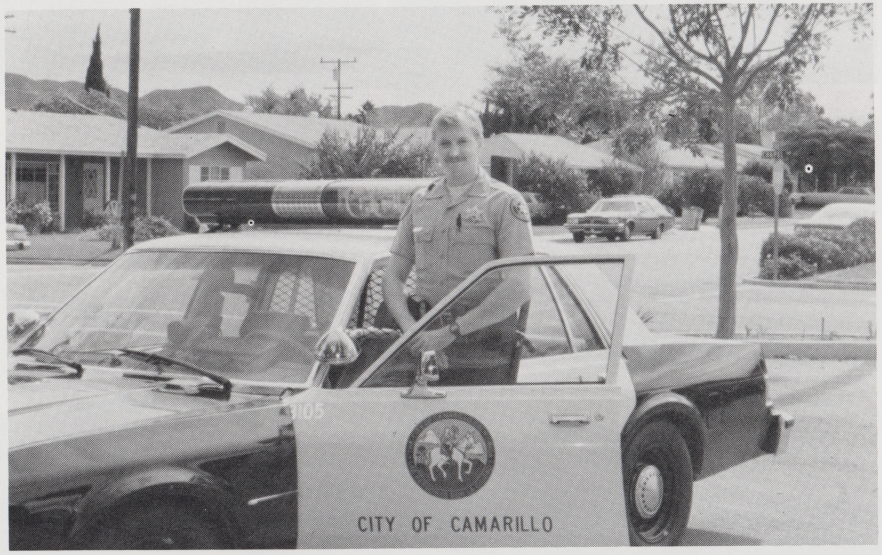


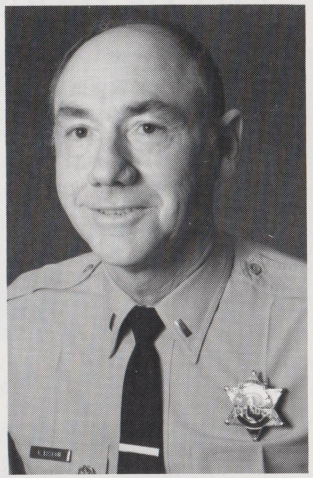
VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF
SEARCH RESCUE

East Valley Division

COMMANDER OSCAR FULLER

LIEUTENANT
ROBERT BROOKS
ADMINISTRATION

LIEUTENANT
JAMES KOONTZ
INVESTIGATION



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WATCH COMMANDER

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HENRY CARRILLO
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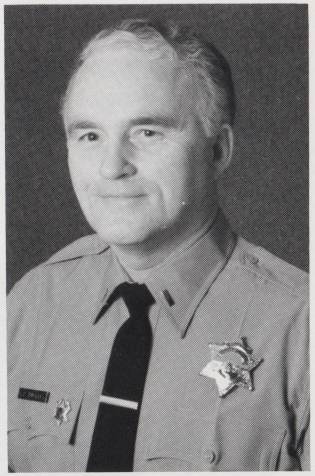

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PAUL BUCKLEY
WATCH COMMANDER

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GEORGE CONAHEY
WATCH COMMANDER

LIEUTENANT
ANTHONY DITZHAZY
WATCH COMMANDER

EAST VALLEY DIVISION

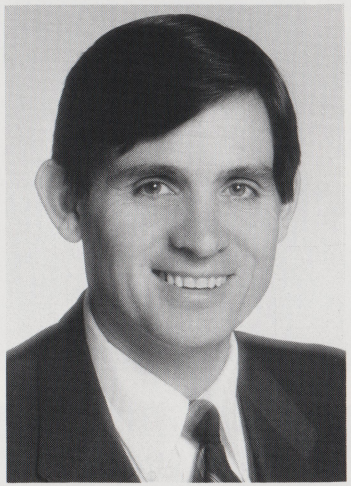
The East Valley Division is under the direction of Commander Oscar Fuller. This division's area extends from the top of the Conejo Grade to the Los Angeles County line and totals over 300 square miles. Two cities in the area, Thousand Oaks and Moorpark contract with the Sheriff's Department for full service law enforcement. The City of Thousand Oaks is the largest city to contract with the Sheriff's Department. Both City and County deputies work out of the East Valley Station, located at 2201 East Olsen Road, Simi Valley. Besides patrol and investigative services, the East Valley Station also includes booking and branch jail operations, and a vehicle maintenance facility.

During 1986, the 144 sworn personnel assigned to this station handled 42,225 calls for service and made 5,577 arrests. A K-9 Team was also added to the complement of specialized support services during the past year.

The East Valley Station has grown to keep pace with the dynamic area that it serves. On June 10, 1987, groundbreaking ceremonies initiated construction of a new expanded station to be located approximately one mile west of the present site. The project is a joint effort of the City of Thousand Oaks and the County of Ventura with anticipated occupancy by December 1988.

City of Thousand Oaks

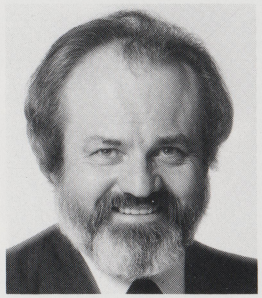
CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS



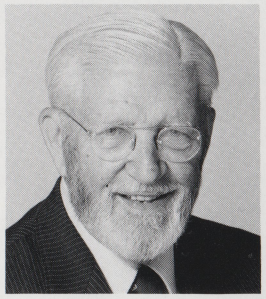
GRANT BRIMHALL
CITY MANAGER

The Ventura County Sheriff's Department has provided municipal police services to the City of Thousand Oaks throughout its 23 year history. The City covers an area of approximately 50 square miles and a population of nearly 98,000 residents.

Commander Oscar Fuller serves as the primary liaison for the Sheriff and directs the 79 sworn Sheriff's personnel who are under contract to the City. During 1986, these personnel responded to 32,555 calls for service and made 3,837 arrests. Special programs in Drug Abuse Resistance Education, traffic safety, crime prevention, youth services and selective enforcement have been most effective and have met with great community support. The City's crime rate continues to remain in the lowest ten percent for cities of similar population.



LEE LAXDAL
MAYOR



TONY LAMB
MAYOR PRO-TEM

LAWRENCE HORNER
COUNCIL MEMBER

ALEX FIORE
COUNCIL MEMBER

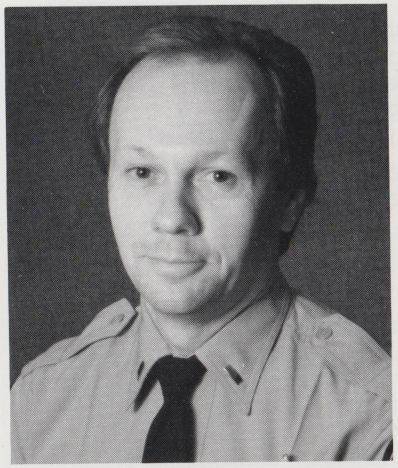
FRANK SCHILLO
COUNCIL MEMBER

City of Moorpark

CITY OF MOORPARK

The City of Moorpark is the tenth municipality in Ventura County and the fourth city to contract with the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services. The City covers an area of 12.5 square miles with a population of 16,431 residents.

Lieutenant Michael Brown directs the 13 sworn personnel contracted by the City of Moorpark. During 1986, these personnel responded to 4,461 calls for service and made 820 arrests. The services of a traffic investigation/safety officer and a crime prevention/community services officer were recently added to complete the full spectrum of law enforcement services desired by the City of Moorpark.



LIEUTENANT
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JOHN GALLOWAY
MAYOR

ELOISE BROWN
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JOHN PATRICK LANE
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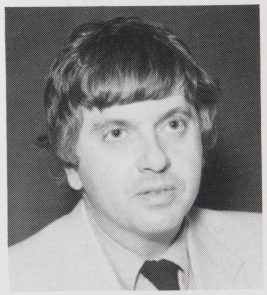

CLINT HARPER
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VACANT
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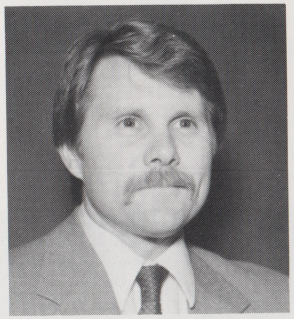
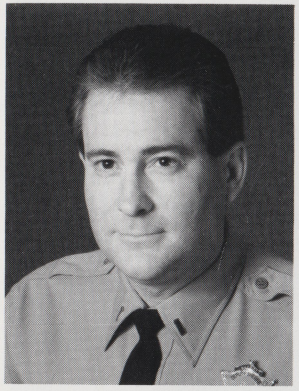


STEVEN KUENY
CITY MANAGER

Custody Division

COMMANDER WILLIAM WADE



LIEUTENANT
KENNETH KIPP
ADMINISTRATIVE
LIEUTENANT

LIEUTENANT
ERNEST ROGERS
PROJECTS
MANAGER

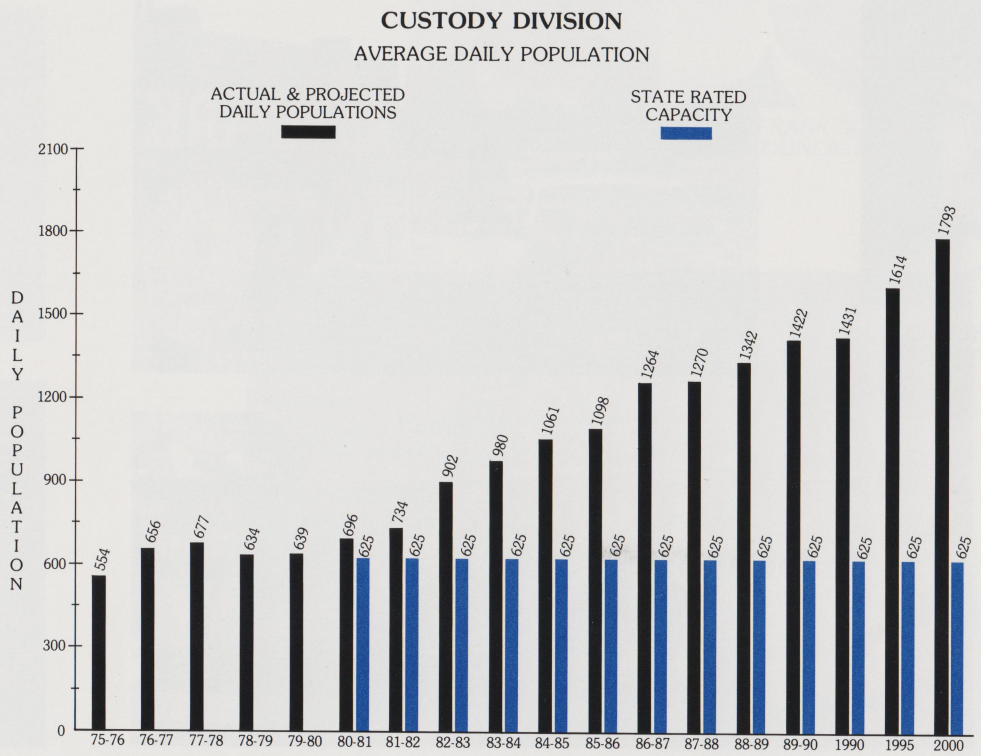
CUSTODY DIVISION

The Custody Division is under the direction of Commander William Wade. It has 279 personnel assigned with a budget of over 14 million dollars. It is easily the largest division within the Sheriff's Department. Its legal mandate is to provide a safe, secure environment for an average daily populaiton of almost 1450 inmates. Inmates are housed at two major facilities. The Pre-Trial/Main Jail Facility, located at the Ventura County Government Center, houses the largest inmate population. The Sheriff's Branch Jail-Honor Farm in Ojai houses the remainder of the population.

An ever burgeoning inmate population has led to major changes in the Pre-Trial/Main Jail Facility. Opened in 1981, the original design was for 436 beds. A second bunk was added to the single cell design increasing the bed capacity to over 900.

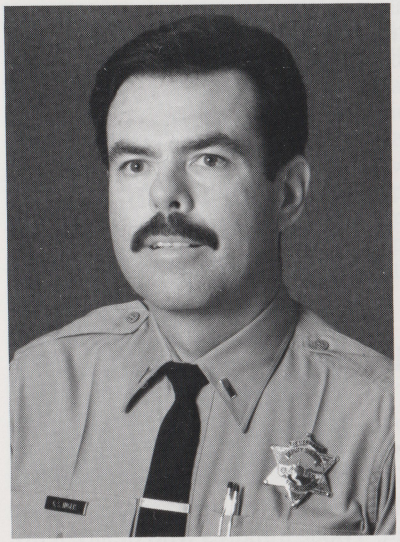
JAIL CONSTRUCTION

Overcrowding of the two primary facilities requires research and planning for future needs. With financial assistance from two voter approved bond issues and partial county funding, a 600 bed sentenced inmate facility is now in the initial planning stage. Final plans for custody housing and holding in the new East Valley Station have also been approved and are part of the construction scheduled for completion in December 1988. The Board of Supervisors recently approved an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service that will provide the Sheriff's Department a custodial facility for approximately 200 inmates in the Rose Valley area of Ventura County. Building modifications are expected to begin in the near future.



Pre-Trial/Main Jail Facility

PRE-TRIAL/MAIN JAIL FACILITY



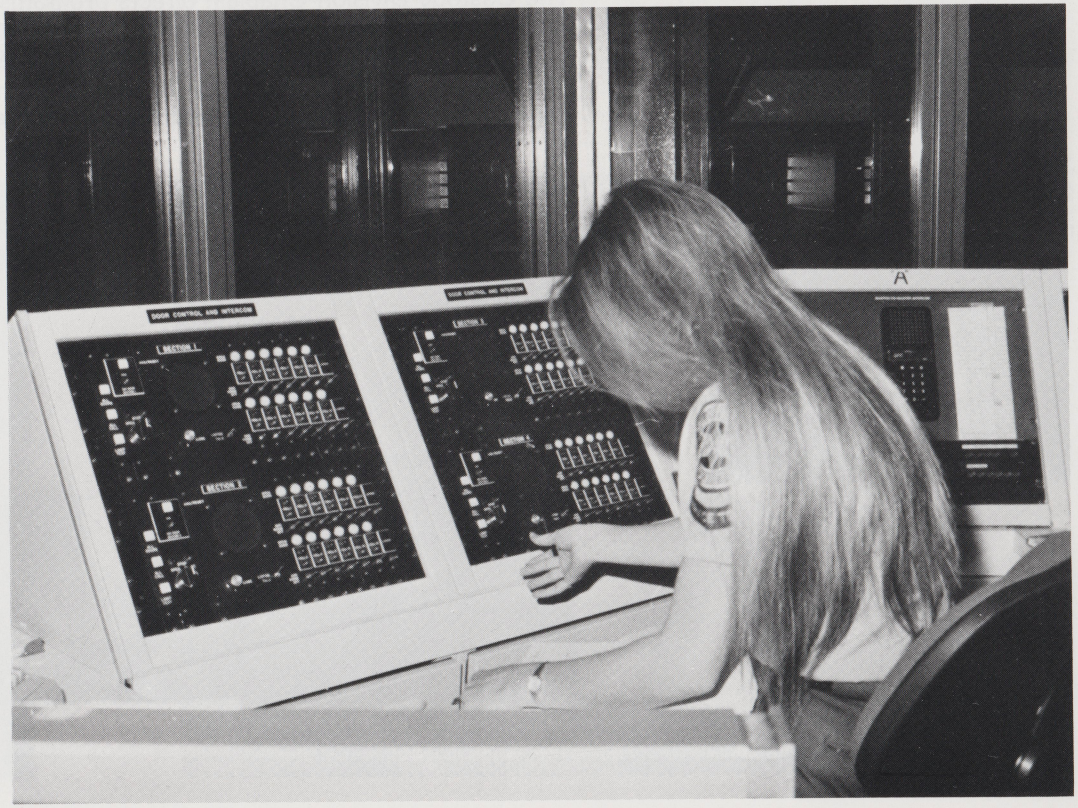
LIEUTENANT
GUY INGLIS
MAIN JAIL MANAGER

Lieutenant Guy Inglis directs the operation of the Pre-Trial/Main Jail Facility. This high security facility has shown its adaptability by allowing the inmate population to receive a broad range of services and programs while at the same time maintaining the integrity of its security system.

This facility is staffed by a total of 228 deputies and civilian personnel. Originally designed with the idea of bringing services to the inmates, a relatively small staff has been able to provide all mandated services while at the same time maintaining inmate and staff safety requirements.

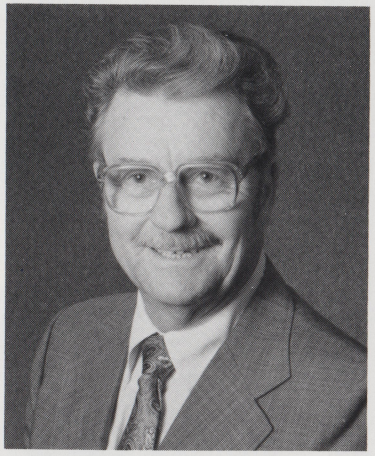
The Pre-Trial/Main Jail Facility has a total floor space of over 220,000 square feet. The original bed capacity of 436 beds has been increased to over 900. This expansion was necessitated by an ever increasing inmate population. Each of the two housing floors are divided into four quadrants, each with an original capacity of 48 inmates. A Medical Housing Section on the second floor provides medical, dental and psychiatric services for inmates housed in this facility. Weight lifting facilities are provided in each quadrant while other recreational facilities such as basketball, volleyball, and handball courts are provided on the roof.

The Pre-Trial/Main Jail Facility's kitchen prepares meals for all inmates in the facility as well as providing food service to the County's Work Furlough Program and Juvenile facilities. All menus are reviewed and approved by a licensed dietician including special meals for juveniles and medical patients. This kitchen served over 2.1 million meals in 1986.



Inmate Services

TOPI HARBERT
INMATE SERVICES



WILLIAM GLASER
JAIL CHAPLAIN

INMATE SERVICES BUREAU

The Inmate Services Bureau is staffed by an Inmate Services Coordinator that develops, implements and coordinates programs that will assist inmates in making constructive use of their jail time as well as assisting them in community reintegration. The recent analysis of the inmate population has resulted in the contracting of a Chemical Abuse Educator to provide full-time education.

Present programs offered include:

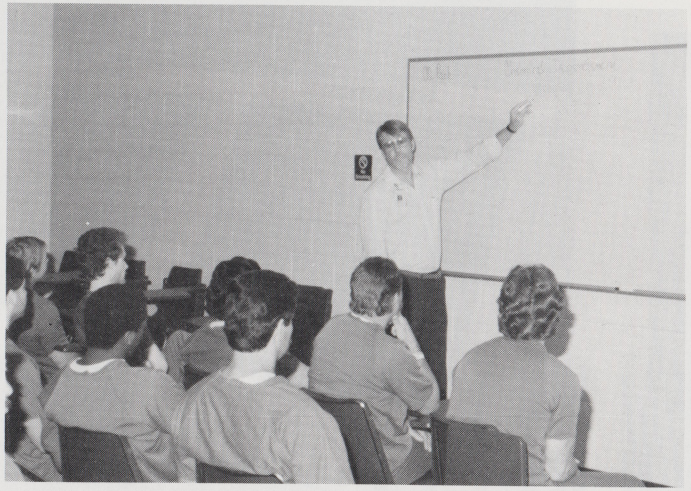
EDUCATION
- Ventura High School Independent Study Program
- Adult Reading Program
- Veterans Counseling Service
- Inmate Library Service
- Social Intervention Program

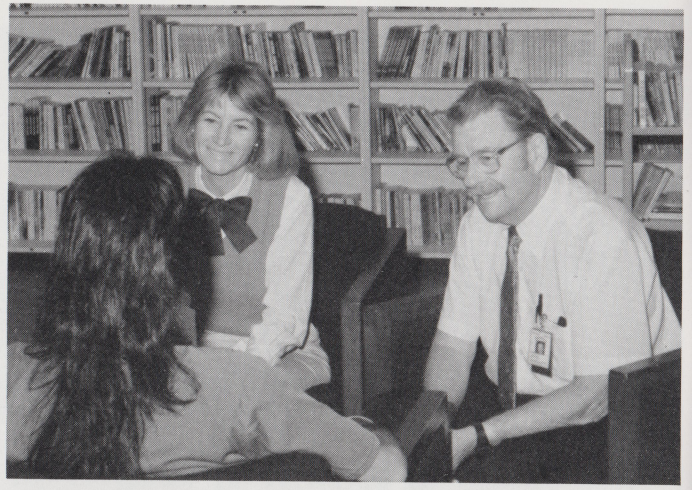
CHEMICAL ABUSE/DEPENDENCY
- Chemical Abuse Workshops/Films and Rap Sessions
- Individual counseling and referral
- Alcoholics Anonymous

JAIL CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

The Custody Division Chaplain directs programs that minister to the spiritual needs of all inmates. It is a ministry of caring through the Ecumenical Church. Its goal is behavior modification through spiritual awakening. Those inmates who desire it are provided with opportunities to worship God. Religious services for all denominations are held regularly.

The Chaplain provides assistance to the inmates in making a reasonable adjustment to the custodial situation and also supports inmates in family emergency situations which often include death or serious injury or illness.





Honor Farm

LIEUTENANT
BOBBY TAYLOR
HONOR FARM MANAGER

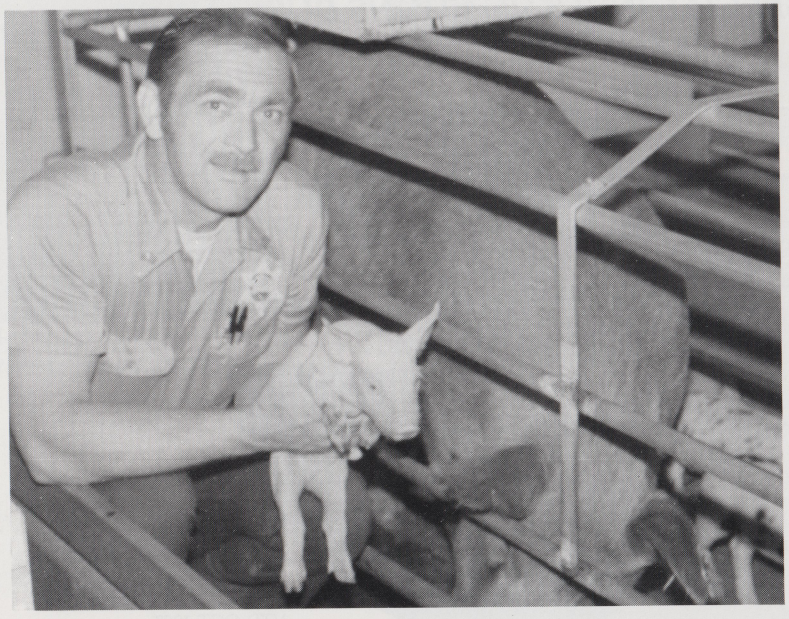
HONOR FARM

The Sheriff's Branch Jail-Honor Farm is under the direction of Lieutenant Bobby Taylor and is located on 126 acres in the beautiful Ojai Valley. Inmates are housed in two separate structures on the grounds with a combined bed capacity of 241 inmates. The minimum security structure houses inmates that are assigned to work in the kitchen, laundry and farm areas. All work is performed under the direct supervision of Sheriff's personnel. To meet the needs of an expanding female inmate population, the medium security structure has become the primary housing facility for all female inmates in the custody of the Sheriff.

FARM OPERATIONS

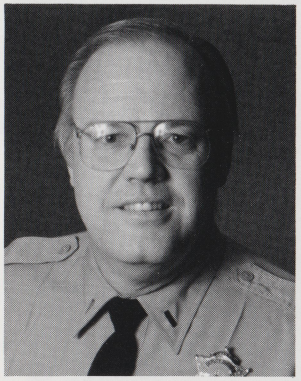
The Sheriff's Honor Farm operation continues to provide a considerable cost savings to Ventura County. Under the supervision of Sheriff's personnel, inmate crews raise vegetables, pigs, beef and rabbits. Over 365,000 pounds of meat and 30,000 pounds of row crops were processed in 1986. All were used within the jail system. With a herd of approximately 1,000, the swine operation has maximized its pork production and provides a steady food source for the jail system's kitchens.

The Honor Farm's laundry operation processes all laundry for the Sheriff's custodial facilities as well as the County's Work Furlough Program. During 1986, over 1.2 million pounds of laundry were processed.

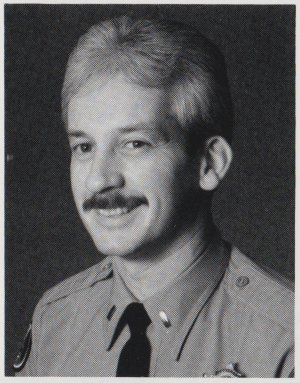


Special Services

COMMANDER
VINCENT FRANCE



LIEUTENANT
LARRY WEIMER
MAJOR CRIMES



LIEUTENANT
STEVEN GILES
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

SPECIAL SERVICES

The Special Services Division is under the direction of Commander Vincent France. This Division has a variety of specialized functions and includes the following bureaus: Major Crimes, Special Investigations, Warrant Service, Technical Services, Crime Laboratory and the Aviation Unit. Ancillary special teams include Bomb Disposal Team, Search and Rescue Teams, Executive Protection and the Hostage Negotiations Team.

MAJOR CRIMES BUREAU

Under the direction of Lieutenant Larry Weimer, the Major Crimes Bureau is responsible for the investigation of all felony crimes involving murder, rape, robbery, kidnapping and other felonious assaults. Other areas of responsibility include missing persons, forgery and fraud investigations.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

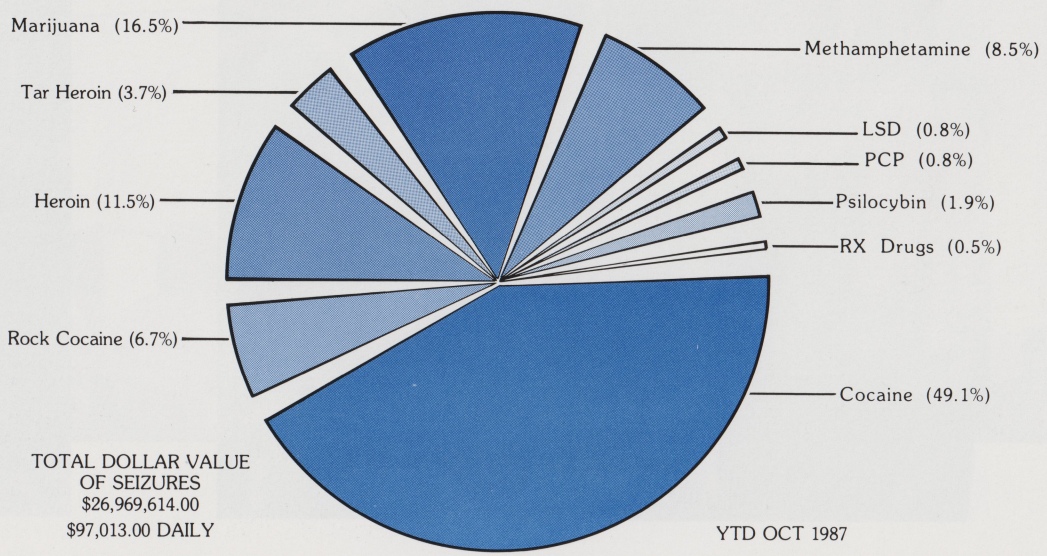
The Special Investigations Bureau is under the direction of Lieutenant Steven Giles and consists of a Narcotics Unit and a Vice and Intelligence Unit.

The Narcotics Unit is responsible for the enforcement of all narcotics laws and works closely with allied agencies throughout the State. Due to the increase of narcotics activity within the County the Department has taken a total approach to narcotics enforcement that includes smuggling, street sales and major violator investigations. The efficiency of the Narcotics Unit's effort is evidenced by the street value of assets and narcotics seized in 1986 totaling $40,270,087.00. The street value of illegal narcotics alone seized during the first ten months of 1987 totals $26,969,614.00.

The Vice and Intelligence Unit has the bifurcated responsibility of enforcement of vice laws and gathering and maintaining criminal intelligence information within Ventura County.

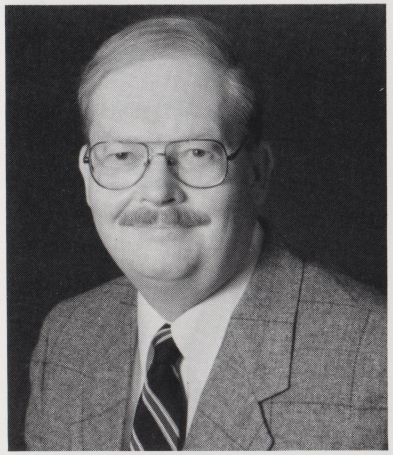
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

Street Drugs Seized By Percentage



Technical Services Bureau

LIEUTENANT
HASKELL CHANDLER
TECHNICAL SERVICES



DR. ARNE BERGH
CRIME LAB DIRECTOR

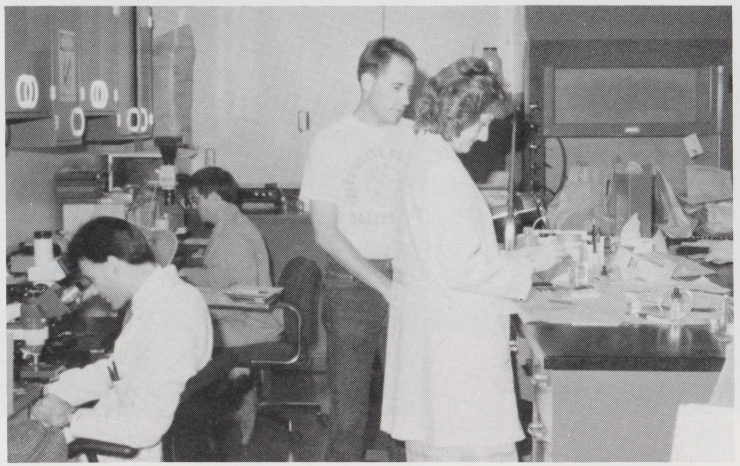
TECHNICAL SERVICES BUREAU

The Technical Services Bureau is under the direction of Lieutenant Haskell Chandler. This Bureau has a variety of specialized functions and provides the following technical services: Bureau of Identification, Property Room, Polygraph Unit, Photo Lab and Criminal Graphics. These special units have a variety of responsibilities including the collection and storage of evidence, crime scene photography, polygraph examinations and fingerprint comparisons.

A recent addition to the Bureau has been the installation of CAL-ID, a computerized fingerprint identification system that interfaces with a master computer file in Sacramento. This tool is proving itself invaluable in criminal identification.

CRIME LABORATORY

The Sheriff's Crime Laboratory is directed by Dr. Arne Bergh and is staffed by a team of forensic scientists specializing in criminalistics. Crime Laboratory personnel are called upon to scientifically analyze all forms of physical evidence collected through criminal investigations. Their expertise and ability to analyze and identify evidence is critical to successful criminal prosecution. Resources of the Sheriff's Crime Laboratory are provided as a regional service to all criminal justice agencies within the County.



Sheriff's Aviation Unit/Search and Rescue

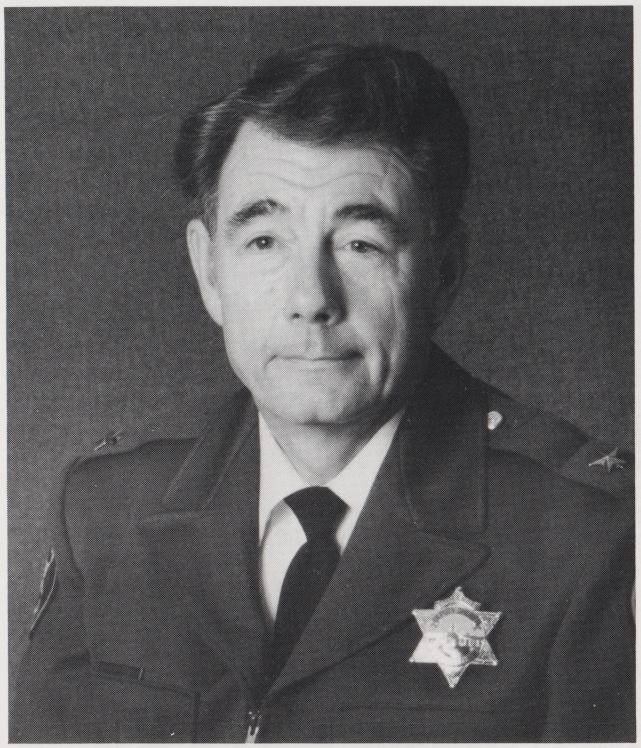
SHERIFF'S AVIATION UNIT/ SEARCH AND RESCUE

LIEUTENANT ARVE WELLS

The Sheriff's Aviation Unit is directed by Lieutenant Arve Wells. It consists of five helicopters and support equipment and provides support for all types of law enforcement and fire needs. Services include surveillance, patrol, traffic control, medical transportation, search and rescue and fire fighting activities.

Approximately 200 volunteer members make up the Department's Search and Rescue Teams. Components include the Fillmore, Ojai and East Valley Mountain Rescue Teams, Underwater Rescue Team and Mounted Search and Rescue Team. These Search and Rescue Teams are supported by volunteer medical personnel that make up the Department's Medical Advisory Board. Last year these personnel spent over 9092 hours in training and participated in 4060 hours of rescue operations. These dedicated people provide a service that is greatly appreciated and could not otherwise be provided.

Court Services Division



COMMANDER
JOHN KINGSLEY

LIEUTENANT
JOSEPH LEON
ADMINISTRATIVE LIEUTENANT

COURT SERVICES DIVISION

This Division handles all the law enforcement assignments that center around Ventura County's Municipal and Superior Courts system. Under the direction of Commander John Kingsley, the 91 personnel assigned to this Division are divided into three bureaus.

COURT SERVICES BUREAU

The Court Services Bureau provides bailiffs and court security for all the Superior and Municipal Courts in Ventura County. These duties include safety and care of jurors, maintaining control of in-custody defendants while in the courtroom, personal security for judges and witnesses under special circumstances, and other duties as required by the Courts. This Bureau also assists the Courts with bail setting and own recognizance release investigations.

FIELD SERVICES BUREAU

The Field Services Bureau is responsible for the service of all civil processes throughout the County. This includes levies, writs, attachments, subpoenas, and civil warrants. In 1986, this Bureau generated approximately $400,000.00 in fees for the County. In addition, over 2.5 million dollars were received and disbursed to litigants.

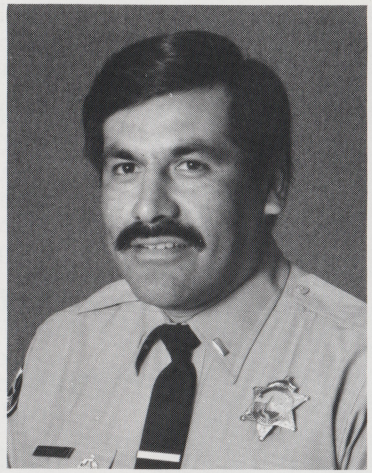
INMATE MOVEMENT BUREAU

The Inmate Movement Bureau has the responsibility for the movement of all inmates. This includes movement of inmates to and from the Courts, between County facilities, and the pickup and delivery of inmates to other jurisdictions including State correctional facilities and hospitals. Inmate movement activity during last year totaled 45,633 inmates.

Support Services Division

COMMANDER
MERWYN DOWD

LIEUTENANT
JOSEPH HARWELL
RECORDS



LIEUTENANT
RICHARD RODRIGUEZ
RESEARCH AND PLANNING

KAREN GUIDI
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
EMERGENCY SERVICES

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Support Services Division is under the direction of Commander Merwyn Dowd. This Division provides a support function and is responsible for recruitment, training, research and planning, development and implementation of policies and procedures adopted by the Department. Additional responsibilities include a central depository for criminal records and disaster services planning. Individual bureaus within the Division work to accomplish these responsibilities.

RECORDS BUREAU

The Records Bureau is directed by Lieutenant Joe Harwell and provides all law enforcement agencies in Ventura County with a central depository of criminal records. The Bureau processed over 30,000 booking sheets from the County Jail and 80,000 pages of reports from Sheriff's Deputies alone in 1986. This 24-hour per day, 7-day a week operation also maintains the County-wide automated Want/Warrant System and maintains original warrants on over 75,000 individuals as well as interfacing with state and national Law Enforcement computer networks. The Bureau has a sophisticated Automated Law Enforcement Records Tracking System (ALERT) which provides for quick and efficient retrieval of records and performs the required reporting to state and federal agencies. The Licensing section of this Bureau processes business and special event licenses, gun registrations, criminal registrations as required by law and provides fingerprinting services to the citizens of Ventura County.

RESEARCH AND PLANNING

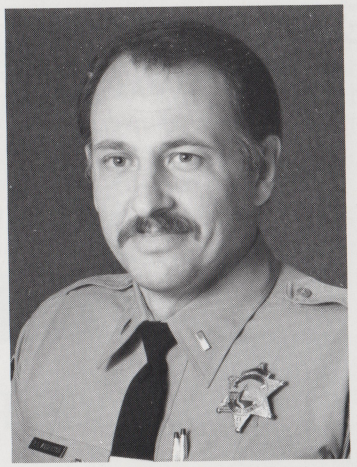
The Research and Planning Bureau is directed by Lieutenant Richard Rodriguez and has the responsibility for the development, examination, and evaluation of policies, procedures and programs for Departmental implementation. The Bureau tracks legislation affecting the Department and coordinates law enforcement contracts for the contract cities as well as schools and special districts.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Office of Emergency Services is directed by Karen Guidi and develops administrative plans, operational responses, and public education programs for emergencies such as earthquake, flood, dam failure, hazardous materials and nuclear defense, which exceed normal response capabilities. The Office interfaces with federal, state and other local government agencies; private industry groups; and public agencies. The overall goal is to provide response and training for the Emergency Management areas of Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery.

Personnel Bureau

LIEUTENANT
DONALD LANQUIST
PERSONNEL



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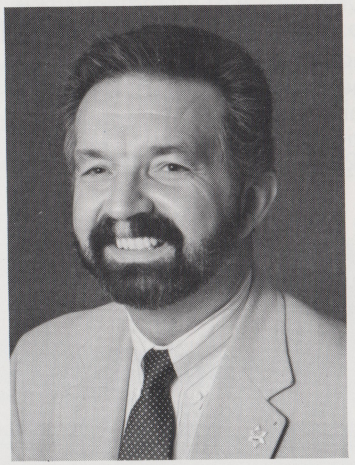
PAUL ANDERSON
TRAINING



DR. RANDOLPH NUTTER
PSYCHOLOGIST

PERSONNEL BUREAU

The Personnel Bureau is directed by Lieutenant Donald Lanquist and is responsible for the recruitment, testing, background investigations, and the hiring of all Sheriff's personnel. Matters affecting current employees, such as the dissemination of policies and procedures and internal affairs investigations, also play a large role in the Bureau's functions.

TRAINING BUREAU

The Training Bureau is under the direction of Lieutenant Paul Anderson and is responsible for the training of police recruits at the Ventura County Criminal Justice Training Center. This regional academy is accredited by California's Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training. The Academy has received high praise from this Commission and has been sought for recruit training by agencies outside the tri-counties region. This Bureau also handles a multitude of in-service training programs for all Sheriff's personnel. Video taping and a closed circuit television system are a part of these efforts.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

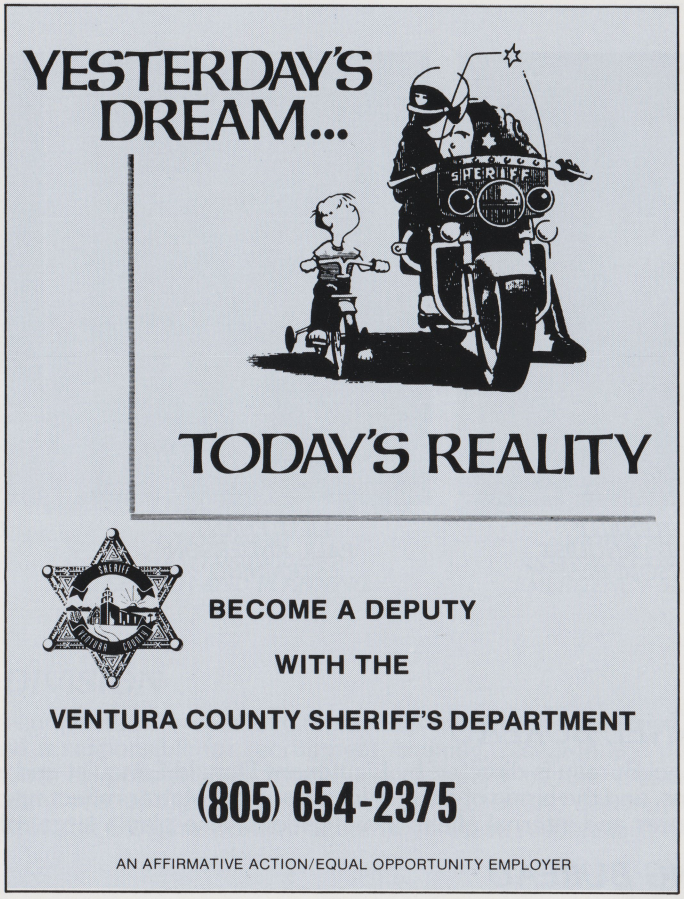
Dr. Randolph Nutter provides psychological services to the Sheriff's Department. All prospective Deputy Sheriff applicants and other specific candidates are evaluated through a pre-employment screening process. Dr. Nutter specializes in psychological evaluations, individual psychotherapy, and family therapy. All psychological services are available at no cost to any member of the Sheriff's Department.

Recruitment

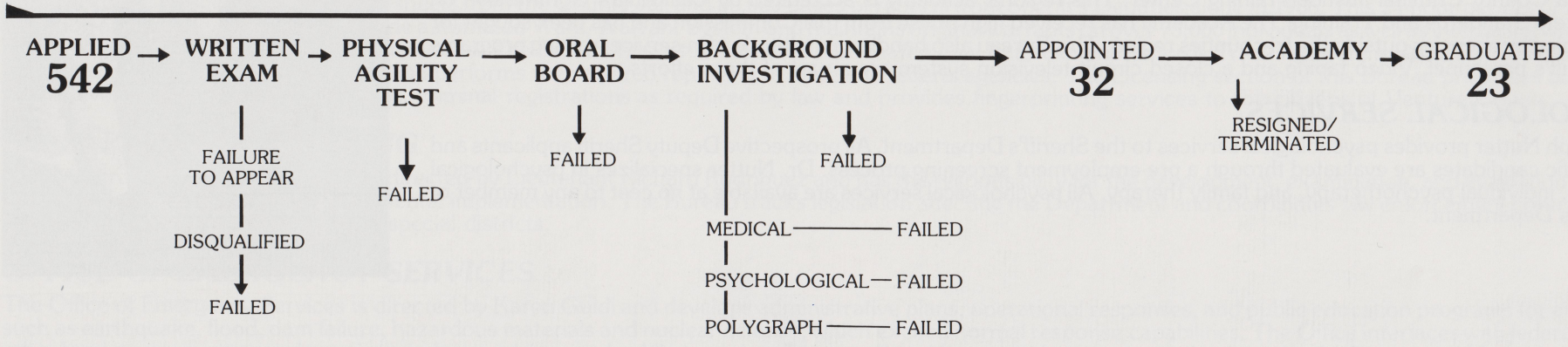
RECRUITMENT

The selection process for the Ventura County Sheriff's Department is very thorough and demanding. Only about four percent of these who apply for the position of Deputy Sheriff Trainee make it through the entire process to become a Deputy Sheriff. Following the successful completion of the initial screening process, consisting of a written exam, physical agility test, and oral interview, each applicant must undergo a stringent background investigation. The background also includes in-depth medical and psychological testing which culminates in a polygraph examination.

The Sheriff is proud of the successful results of on-going recruitment efforts which keep the Department supplied with the qualified applicants it needs. This progressive recruitment program includes media advertising, individual and group presentations, displays on college campuses, conferences and fairs. One of the products of this recruitment effort is the widely recognized Department recruiting poster which capsulizes on a young child's dream becoming "Today's Reality."



DEPUTY SHERIFF HIRING PROCESS
CLASS 86-2 TIME LINE



Volunteer Services

VOLUNTEERS

The Sheriff's Department is extremely grateful for the hundreds of citizen volunteers that routinely donate their time and services to the Department. Like all citizens that have employment and family obligations, they have made time in their lives to provide a service to their community.

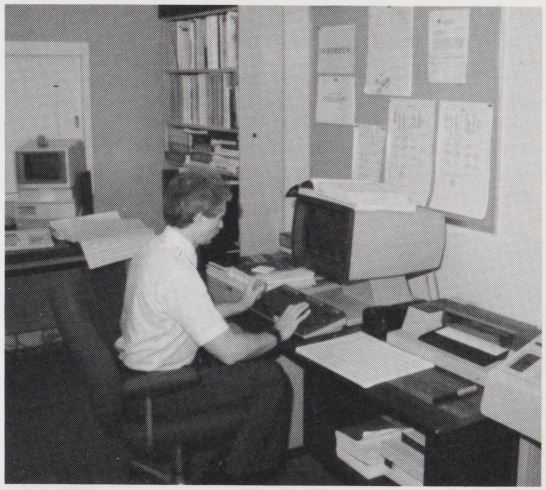
The activities of our volunteers are vast and vary greatly. They include assistance in the Sheriff's Photo Lab, teaching reading skills at the Honor Farm, organizing Neighborhood Watch Programs, medical advice to our Search and Rescue Teams and disaster services emergency communications to name just a few. These law enforcement and auxiliary activities also require that they spend many hours in training.

The Sheriff's Department is proud and grateful for all the individuals that serve in our following volunteer organizations.

Camarillo Police C.B. Patrol Team
Deputies Wives Auxiliary
Ojai Valley Volunteer Security Patrol
Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service
Search and Rescue:
- East Valley Mountain Rescue Team
- Fillmore Mountain Rescue Team
- Ojai Mountain Rescue Team
- Medical Advisory Board
- Sheriff's Mounted Posse Team
- Underwater Rescue Team

Sheriff's Law Enforcement Explorers
Sheriff's Reserve Deputies

Crime Analysis/Statistics



VERN COOK
CRIME ANALYST

CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT

The Crime Analysis Unit is directed by Vern Cook and is an integral part of the Department's operation. Through the statistical analysis efforts of this Unit, the Department has been able to focus its patrol and crime prevention activities to make the community a safer place to live.

STATISTICS

The Federal Bureau of Investigation annually publishes a report comparing indexable crime statistics across the nation. Known as Part I Crimes, this information is compiled by the California Department of Justice into the California Crime Index (CCI). 1986 statistics ranked Ventura County the 6th Best among 33 counties on the California Crime Index.

Ventura County continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country. Over the past 15 years, the Department has recorded an overall decrease in reported Part I Crimes of 37 percent. During this same time period, the population within the Sheriff's jurisdiction has increased from 147,000 to 263,529, a gain of 79 percent. Favorably, crime has not kept pace with population growth. The Department is proud of the efforts its members have made to the citizens of Ventura County.

VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
PART I REPORTED CRIME TOTALS

YEAR	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
POP	147000	157000	166000	177000	183000	192000	203000	218000	222000	232000	240000	245000	250000	258000	263529
HOMICIDE	5	5	12	6	11	13	18	12	7	9	4	8	9	17	5
RAPE	45	40	56	60	55	40	53	69	60	52	49	53	42	51	53
ROBBERY	58	83	86	92	134	108	131	122	106	117	118	98	91	126	129
AGGR ASSAULT	144	216	270	218	344	267	292	346	346	293	245	346	260	567	691
TOTAL VIOLENT	252	344	424	376	544	428	494	549	519	471	416	505	402	761	878
RES BURGLARY	1438	1437	1390	1496	1626	1965	1951	1819	1849	1661	1619	1626	1271	1377	1162
COM BURGLARY	692	783	745	732	590	718	940	819	912	817	855	850	811	837	832
VEH BURGLARY	441	552	632	590	518	470	653	577	643	652	576	618	647	838	708
PETTY THEFT	2610	3217	2641	2038	2156	1792	2189	1798	1706	1503	1964	838	800	891	2155
GRAND THEFT	491	591	608	585	651	776	905	1136	1273	1331	791	1977	2194	2106	805
AUTO THEFT	323	289	313	330	394	448	552	615	508	457	459	498	485	508	535
ARSON	82	88	61	79	69	81	86	99	70	61	69	79	101	80	72
TOTAL PROPERTY	6077	6957	6390	5850	6004	6250	7276	6863	6961	6482	6333	6486	6309	6637	6269
TOTAL PART I	6329	7301	6814	6226	6548	6678	7770	7412	7480	6953	6749	6991	6711	7398	7147
PART I RATE	43.1	46.5	41.0	35.2	35.8	34.8	38.3	34.0	33.7	30.0	28.1	28.5	26.8	28.7	27.12

CRIMES REPORTED PER 100,000 POPULATION

	CCI	TOTAL VIOLENT	HOMICIDE	RAPE	ROB-BERY	AGGRA ASSAULT	TOTAL PROP	BUR-GLARY	VEHICLE THEFT
SAN LUIS OBISPO	1511	307	7	30	52	217	1204	979	225
MARIN	1566	337	3	17	85	233	1229	1019	210
SANTA BARBARA	1813	452	3	36	93	321	1361	1076	285
SANTA CLARA	1846	468	4	48	124	292	1378	1072	351
SAN MATEO	1940	647	7	26	140	474	1294	892	401
VENTURA	1958	471	7	33	135	297	1487	1178	309
MERCED	2124	457	7	18	102	330	1667	1439	228
SONOMA	2130	414	7	32	90	286	1715	1451	265
PLACER	2228	604	6	28	62	508	1624	1340	284
NAPA	2307	790	6	31	50	703	1518	1227	291
EL DORADO	2457	483	8	37	64	374	1973	1745	228
MONTEREY	2519	725	7	44	143	531	1794	1549	246
BUTTE	2544	510	4	44	53	409	2034	1704	331
SHASTA	2596	606	9	43	67	486	1990	1676	315
YOLO	2635	599	8	51	120	420	2037	1661	375
ORANGE	2713	474	5	28	187	254	2240	1598	642
HUMBOLDT	2747	671	6	36	65	564	2075	1813	262
SANTA CRUZ	2767	572	8	41	133	390	2194	1796	398
TULARE	2847	719	9	34	140	535	2128	1832	296
CONTRA COSTA	2857	718	7	36	245	430	2139	1680	459
SOLANO	2919	884	6	41	234	602	2035	1609	426
SAN DIEGO	3214	687	9	35	268	375	2527	1540	987
STANISLAUS	3214	620	7	40	141	431	2595	2189	406
SAN JOAQUIN	3576	749	14	40	259	437	2827	2367	460
SAN FRANCISCO	3585	1290	15	66	687	521	2295	1369	926
IMPERIAL	3586	668	13	31	176	449	2919	2381	537
SACRAMENTO	3630	856	12	54	391	399	2774	2078	697
KERN	3634	907	11	57	271	567	2727	2231	496
ALAMEDA	3695	104	14	68	493	456	2664	2013	652
SAN BERNARDINO	3711	878	12	42	243	581	2834	2170	663
RIVERSIDE	3951	932	10	40	213	670	3019	2417	601
FRESNO	4205	949	15	67	280	587	3256	2684	572
LOS ANGELES	4357	1397	17	53	595	731	2961	1731	1230

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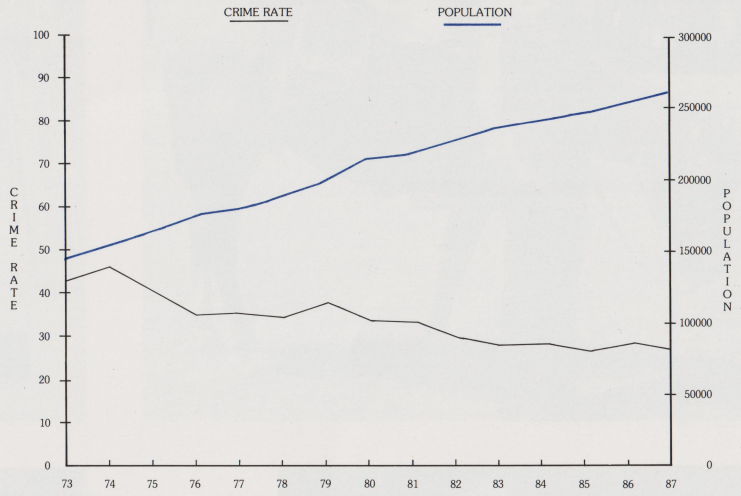
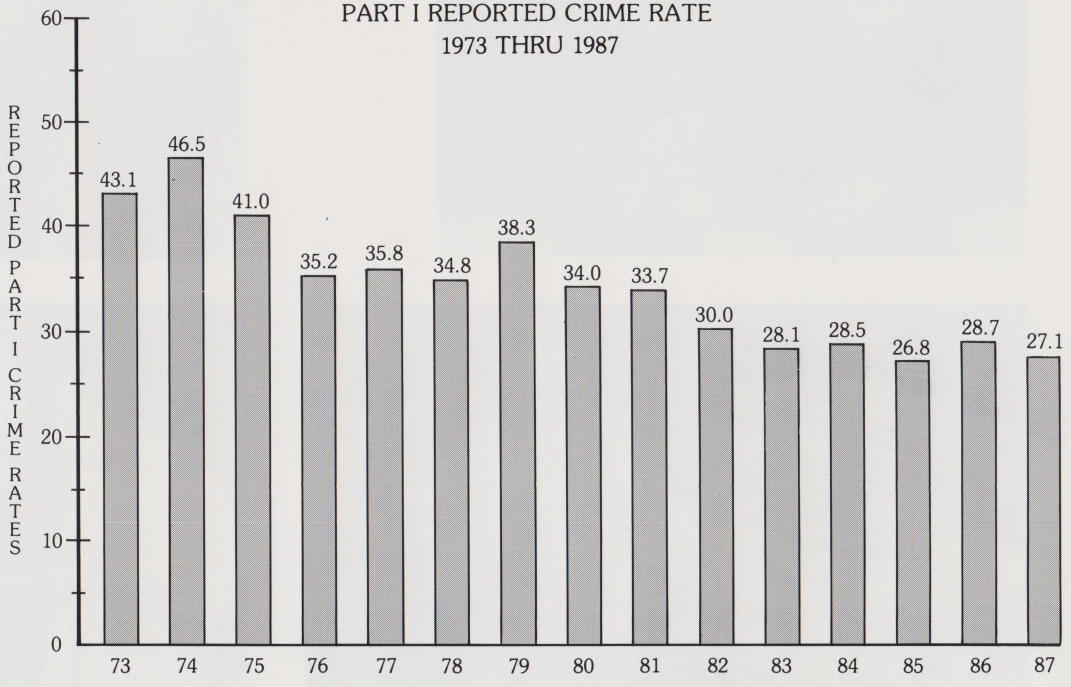
CRIME RATE VS. POPULATION
1973 THRU 1987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